

## November 2022 Southern Wisconsin Cru Ministry Update

Dear Partners,

Last spring a few of our staff toured Beloit College with a former Intervarsity staff member with hopes of launching a new Cru movement there. Beloit is a small liberal arts college with a diverse student body that draws students from virtually every state of the country and scores of countries around the world.



Spear-headed by Alexander Bell, an ambitious and loveable Cru staff member on our team, a growing handful of students have said yes to starting the ministry. But it hasn't been easy. As a sign of the times, leaders on the student government have resisted their efforts to start the new group, leery of a traditional Christian group having an influential presence on the campus. What should be a relatively simple process has become a frustrating ordeal for these new students. But they have not given up as individuals have approached them to dissuade them of

sticking with Cru, encouraging them just to start an independent group without the perceived historical and ideological baggage.

Talking with some of these new key leaders is encouraging. They know it is worth it. We talked about how this adversity is giving them an opportunity to talk to people about Christ and the Bible's thoughts on a number of today's prevalent issues. Wouldn't it be wonderful if these interactions with peers who are passionate about following Jesus would result in them too becoming Christ-followers?

This process also has the potential to bond the group with the faculty members on campus who are supporting them in a significant way.

It was awesome to see 6 of these students (pictured below with Alex) this first fall take a risk and join us and all the other students at our fall retreat a couple weekends ago. They loved the program, environment, and fellowship with so many like-minded students and staff. They had no idea a group like Cru was there to support them and their enthusiasm was a big encouragement to us.



Pray for a mighty work to occur at Beloit College.

Gratefully,

***Southern Wisconsin Cru***

P.S. Before we sent this out, students got word that Cru is now a recognized student organization!





**Our fall has been very full again with events big and small.**



**Lots of freshmen got to know us through volleyball tournaments in Madison and Whitewater.**



**We sometimes mobilize our students to action after socials.**



**Pizza helps draw new people in to hear about Cru.**



**Jim and Jacquie Tanner shared about 50 years in ministry.**



**A Common Call conference equipped local and distant professors for ministry. 18 Brazilians joined online.**



**Leaders from various campus ministries pray monthly.**